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Jobs Up in Eight Metros; Down in Six Areas

Average Unemployment Rate in Illinois Metro Areas Higher than Midwest

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	June 2016	June 2015	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	5.4%	5.0%	0.4
Carbondale-Marion	6.1%	6.1%	0.0
Champaign-Urbana	5.3%	5.4%	-0.1
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	6.2%	6.1%	0.1
Danville	7.1%	7.0%	0.1
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	5.6%	5.3%	0.3
Decatur	6.8%	7.1%	-0.3
Elgin	5.2%	5.5%	-0.3
Kankakee	6.1%	6.6%	-0.5
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.9%	5.1%	-0.2
Peoria	6.3%	6.2%	0.1
Rockford	6.3%	6.6%	-0.3
Springfield	4.7%	5.0%	-0.3
St. Louis (IL-Section)	5.7%	6.0%	-0.3
Illinois Statewide	6.0%	6.0%	0.0

* Data subject to revision.

CHICAGO—Eight of Illinois' 14 metropolitan (metro) areas experienced decreases in their over-the-year unemployment rate and eight of the metro areas had increases in nonfarm jobs, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES).

"One metropolitan area losing jobs is one too many," said IDES Director Jeff Mays. "While we boost our efforts to help employers connect with qualified candidates, we also need effective policies in place to realize robust job growth in Illinois."

Illinois businesses added jobs in eight metro areas, in which the largest increases were seen in: Lake-Kenosha (+2.4 percent, +10,000), Rockford (+2.0 percent, +3,100), and Springfield (+1.8 percent, +2,000). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division increased (+1.2 percent or +43,700). Illinois businesses lost jobs in six metro areas including the Quad Cities (-2.9 percent, -5,500), Bloomington (-1.6 percent, -1,500), and Peoria (-1.3 percent, -2,400). The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metro areas were:

Education and Health Services (11 of 14), Leisure and Hospitality (11 of 14), Retail Trade (10 of 14), and Professional and Business Services (nine of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares June 2016 with June 2015. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 6.0 percent in June 2016 and stood at 12.2 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.1 percent in June 2016 and 10.6 percent in January 2010 at its peak. The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and looking for work, and is not tied to collecting unemployment insurance benefits.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – June 2016

Metropolitan Area	June 2016*	June 2015**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	92,300	93,800	-1,500
Carbondale-Marion MSA	55,300	55,600	-300
Champaign-Urbana MSA	106,700	105,500	1,200
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,737,800	3,694,100	43,700
Danville MSA	29,500	29,400	100
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	181,400	186,900	-5,500
Decatur MSA	51,400	51,700	-300
Elgin Metro Division	262,900	258,400	4,500
Kankakee MSA	44,900	45,000	-100
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	425,200	415,200	10,000
Peoria MSA	178,400	180,800	-2,400
Rockford MSA	157,300	154,200	3,100
Springfield MSA	115,200	113,200	2,000
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	236,500	234,800	1,700
Illinois Statewide	6,056,300	6,016,600	39,700

*Preliminary **Revised

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates
(percent) for Local Counties and Areas**

	June 2016	June 2015	Over-the- year Change
IL Section of St. Louis	5.7%	6.0%	-0.3%
Bond	5.0%	5.2%	-0.2%
Calhoun	5.5%	5.8%	-0.3%
Clinton	4.2%	4.3%	-0.1%
Jersey	5.5%	6.1%	-0.6%
Macoupin	5.7%	6.1%	-0.4%
Madison	5.9%	6.0%	-0.1%
Monroe	4.0%	4.4%	-0.4%
St. Clair	6.1%	6.6%	-0.5%
Cities:			
Alton	7.4%	8.9%	-1.5%
Belleville	6.5%	6.6%	-0.1%
Collinsville	5.9%	6.2%	-0.3%
East St. Louis	10.5%	11.9%	-1.4%
Edwardsville	4.5%	4.4%	-0.1%
Granite City	9.1%	8.1%	+1.0%
O'Fallon	4.8%	5.6%	-0.8%
Counties:			
Greene	5.6%	6.0%	-0.4%
Randolph	5.1%	5.4%	-0.3%
Washington	3.7%	3.6%	+0.1%
Other Areas:			
LWA 21	5.5%	5.9%	-0.4%
LWA 22	5.9%	6.0%	-0.1%
LWA 24	5.5%	5.9%	-0.4%
Southwestern Economic Development Region	5.7%	5.9%	-0.2%

Metro East Highlights

Help Wanted

Area employers advertised for 4,800 openings in June and approximately 83 percent sought full-time employment, according to Help Wanted OnLine data compiled by the Conference Board. It is a global, independent business membership and research association. Employers actually need more workers than the help wanted ad indicates because some industries, such as construction, typically do not advertise job openings.

The June 2016 unemployment rate for the Illinois Section of the St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical Area was 5.7 percent, a decrease of (-0.3) from the June 2015 rate of 6.0 percent. The data is not seasonally adjusted.

The number of employed individuals increased by 3,301 to 329,396 in June 2016 from 326,095 in June 2015. The labor force increased by 2,358 to 349,432 in June 2016 from 347,074 in June 2015. In June 2016, there were 20,036 unemployed people in the labor force. This is a decrease of 943 compared to the June 2015 total unemployed, 20,979.

Over the year, nonfarm payrolls increased by (+1,700). Employment increased in Retail Trade (+1,100), Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (+400), Professional and Business Services (+500), Educational and Health Services (+400), Leisure and Hospitality (+200), Wholesale Trade (+100), Other Services (+100), and Government (+100).

Manufacturing (-1,100), and Financial Activities (-100) posted job losses while the Mining and Construction and Information sectors showed no year over year change.

Note:

- Monthly 2015 unemployment rates and total non-farm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February 2016, as required by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Comments and tables distributed for prior metro area news releases should be discarded as any records or historical analysis previously cited may no longer be valid.
- LWA— Local Workforce Area 21 is composed of Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Montgomery, Morgan, Scott and Shelby Counties.
LWA— Local Workforce Area 22 is composed of Bond and Madison Counties.
LWA— Local Workforce Area 24 is composed of Clinton, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair and Washington Counties.

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